

"Where do you want me to go?" said Charlie, too much dejected to resist, or indeed, to care, one way or the other, what became of him.
"Want you at my house. Want to tak to you," panted Mr. Moris.
The young man patiently subnitted to be dragged over the grass, until the conducted him to be dragged over the grass, until the conducted him to the study, pushed him down upon a seat, and, standing before him, surveyed, im from head to foot.
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"Well, Geofrey? Well, my boy? Now tell me. Don't shut yourself up from te."
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MR. ASOUITH EXPLAINS PROVI-SIONS OF THE NEW SCHEME.

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\$1.25 Per Week for All Persons Over 70, Excepting Criminals, Lunatics and Paupers-No One Who is in Receipt More Than \$2.50 a Week Income Will be Admissible.

London, May 7 .- Premier Asquith produced the budget to-day before a densely rowded House. The budget provides for old age pensions of \$1.25 per week for all persons over 70, excepting criminals, unatics and paupers. It is estimated that the maximum number of pensioner is not likely to exceed 500,000, and the is not likely to exceed 300,000, and the cost must not exceed \$30,000,000 any one year. Married couples are to have \$1.80 weekly between them. The charge for pensions is to be a national, not a local, burden. The scheme is not to be opera-tive until January, 1909. No one in re-ceipt of more than \$2.50 a week income will be admissible.

will be admissible. As the Prime Minister began to unfold the pension scheme the House listened in the tensest silence. Mr. Asquith warned his hearers that the plan was merely a beginning, and more or less of an ex-periment. His calculations were largely conjectural. He said he anticipated probable criticisms, and was of the opin-ion that the Jabor party would think the scheme did not go far enough, to which the Labor members immediately assented. He reminded them that it was only a beginning, yet it made immedispe-intending: are explanation; to tell your were your deverated, once for all deverated, once for all deverated, once for all deverated. deverated were deverated deverated were deverated deverated were deverated deverated were deverated were deverated deverated were deverated with the deverated were need deverated were deverated were deverated with the deverated were need deverated were deverated were deverated with the deveration were deverated were need deverated were deverated were deverated were need deverated were deverated were need were deverated were need deverated were deverated were need were need were deverated were need wer



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cost of pensions. They point out that, with the ever-increasing expenditure, especially for the may, there will be enormous difficulties in the future in findimum in the future in finding money. They spoke with some bitterness of these difficulties being imfinding money. They spoke with some bitterness of these difficulties being im-posed upon the coming Conservative Gov-ernment, which they believe is bound soon to replace the present Liberal Gov-ernment. The Laborites criticised the plan on the ground that the age limit was far too high, and the income limit quite wrong. They contended that the latter puts a premium on reckless living and penalizes thrift. The Laborites urge that the age limit ought to be reduced at least to 65 years. They point out that very few urban workers live to anything near 70, the average, indeed, being considerably below 60. This scheme will only benefit rural workers. The Moderate Liberals received the scheme with enthusiasm. They regard it as based on sound finance, and believe that it confers an appreciable benefit upon the aged poor, to whom it brings a message of hope and happiness. This view is voiced by the Liberal press. The advanced Radiesls, however, regard the plan as presenting the stumbling block, as do the Laborites.

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